

YEAR-OLD SLAYINGS COULD BE RESOLVED - KENT WOMAN, SON MAY HAVE BEEN SHOT BY MAN SHE KNEW

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RENTON - The person who killed a young Kent woman and her 3-year-old son a year ago may have been a man who himself was slain less than two weeks later, police say.

Detectives are considering the possibility that 27-year-old Scott Holm of Des Moines, whose body was found wrapped in blankets in his truck near McChord Air Force Base on Nov. 9, may have fatally shot 23-year-old Stacy Ann Falcon-Dewey and her son, Jacob John.

The theory is one of several that police are pursuing in a case that has consumed hundreds of hours of detective work and has left the woman's mother struggling for answers.

At 3:30 a.m. Oct. 28, the bodies of the young cocktail waitress and her son were found in the middle of a street in a remote area in south Renton. Both had been shot to death. The woman's car was nearby.

Police said there was no evidence of sexual assault, and robbery didn't appear to be a motive.

Holm, who shortly before his death acknowledged to police that Falcon-Dewey had been his cocktail waitress and that the two had casually dated several times, allegedly had bragged that he had killed the woman, police say.

Vincent Fields, 28, a Federal Way man who was convicted of stabbing Holm to death in a dispute over money, testified during his own murder trial that Holm had told him he had "cleaned her clock" because Falcon-Dewey had threatened to tell Holm's wife about their romantic relationship and tell police about his marijuana-growing operation.

Renton Police Detective Greg Wilson had interviewed Holm four days before he was slain because his pager number showed up on Falcon-Dewey's phone records. Wilson said he did not know of Holm's alleged confession at the time.

If Holm did kill Falcon-Dewey, he may have done so for any number of reasons, and the young woman may never have threatened him at all, Wilson said.

Detectives also are pursuing other theories in the case and have several "persons of interest," he said.

Those theories include the possibility that Falcon-Dewey, who worked at a Kent dance club, may have had knowledge of drug-dealing activity that someone had wished she did not have, said

Wilson.

Wilson said he thinks the victims were killed by someone who knew Falcon-Dewey.

"I don't think this is a stranger-type killing," Wilson said.

"She had a personal problem with someone she knew . . . This person felt she was a threat."

On the last night of her life, Falcon-Dewey did what she usually did on her Thursday nights off from work: She left her son with a baby-sitter, then spent several hours with friends at dance clubs in Kent and Auburn.

About 1:45 a.m. Friday, she was seen leaving her baby-sitter's Kent apartment after picking up her son. Shortly after 2 a.m., residents of the wooded neighborhood where the bodies later were found heard gunshots.

Wilson said he thinks Falcon-Dewey probably was confronted by the killer at her apartment complex, about a five-minute drive from the sitter's home.

For Falcon-Dewey's mother, Vianne Falcon, the past year has been one of "going through the motions" and "forcing myself every day to do what I have to do."

Sometimes working three jobs at a time, Falcon raised two children as a single parent. She, Stacy and her 27-year-old son, Byron, were as close as a family could be.

"It's almost like it happened yesterday," said Falcon, who lives in South Bend, Pacific County. "I get theories through my head all the time.

"The questions every day that haunt - who and why - you have to know that. I don't think a person can even start to heal until they have those questions answered."

Anyone with any information is asked to call Greg Wilson at 277-4488.

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